



SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
YESLER TERRACE PHASE II
CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING NO.: 11

LOCATION: Yesler Community Center, 917 E. Yesler Way

DATE: Thursday, November 12, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

- Germaine Covington, Chair
- Ruqiyo Abdi
- Audry Breaux
- Brendan Connolly
- Herold Eby
- Jim Erickson
- Patricia Garcia
- Shurkri Guleith
- Elise Chayet
- Fen Hsiao
- Fadumo Isaq
- Kent Koth
- Yin Lau

- M. Michelle Mattox
- Mary McCumber
- Quang Nguyen
- Kristin O'Donnell
- Mark Okazaki
- Adrienne Quinn
- Michael Ramos
- Bette Reed
- Sue Sherbrooke
- George Staggers
- Linda Taylor
- Julie West
- Alex Zankich

SHA Staff

- Judi Carter
- Virginia Felton
- Eddie Hill
- Brett Houghton
- Judith Kilgore
- Al Levine
- Andrew Lofton
- Collette Frazier
- Brian Sullivan
- Tom Tierney
- Stephanie Van Dyke
- Shelly Yapp
- Ryan Moore

Guests

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I. **Call to Order**

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

It was announced that Collette Frazier is the new Administrative Assistant for the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Project.

II. **Comments from the Community**

Chair Covington called for public comments. No one wished to speak.

III. **Consideration of the Minutes of the June 9, 2009 Citizen Review Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting was approved as distributed.

IV. **Presentation of Concept D**

Brian Sullivan from Seattle Housing Authority gave a PowerPoint presentation of Concept D, *A Framework for Yesler Terrace Redevelopment*. Sullivan addressed the goals and visions of maintaining Yesler as an affordable community and providing a livable, safe and vibrant community for all residents.

Sullivan discussed the key outcomes of the Site Concept Framework that sets direction for the overall redevelopment. The framework addresses potential street alignments, the physical and social center and the improvement of neighborhood connections.

Listed are examples that Sullivan reviewed of what can be included in the redevelopment:

- Units designed to the resident's needs
- Larger units
- Home daycare providers will have access to the play areas
- Units will include a patio or balcony
- More lighting and parking available
- Natural sunlight
- Safety

Erickson asked if Security will be included in the study, Sullivan replied that Seattle Housing Authority will include security as a part of the study to guarantee the safety of all residents.

Sullivan spoke of the Site Concept Key Elements and Qualities. The plan for the housing is to have low-income and affordable housing mixed with market rate housing across the community. Regarding neighborhood parks, the idea is to have a central park supplemented with four neighborhood parks- one in each district.

The next steps are the Environmental Impact Study (EIS); Site Quality Studies; Social Infrastructure Plan; Relocation Program along with on going community input.

VI. Updates

Project Manager Judith Kilgore gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan amendments. The Comprehensive Plan amendment would change the land use map from residential to mix commercial. This amendment has been placed on hold until the project is further in the planning process.

Kilgore announced that SHA is beginning the EIS process. The EIS support document evaluates the environmental impact of the project. Kilgore explained the process for public comments and input. The first opportunity for comments will be in January when the EIS scoping document is released.

An additional work product that will be worked on is the Social Infrastructure Plan. The First order will be to look at the site quality studies.

Social Infrastructure is the other elements that make the community work or making sure there is a healthy community that includes facilities and community services to support residents. Kilgore said there needs to be an economic opportunity so residents can be more self sufficient that includes:

- Training programs
- Education
- The opportunity to start a small business

VII. Overview of Phase III

Chair Covington described Phase II as building the base and concepts which were important to the project. In Phase III the goal is to develop the final recommendation of what the site will look like.

Chair Covington expressed that a lot of knowledge has been gained among committee members with Phase II; and she hopes to see all committee members continue on with Phase III. The start of Phase III will begin in January 2010.

Kilgore stated the main focus for the CRC and community for Phase III will be the Site Quality Studies and Social Infrastructure Plan.

O'Donnell suggests opening the committee to ensure having a full committee for Phase III.

VIII. Potential CRC revisions

Chair Covington reviewed the proposal for the Yesler Terrace CRC committee structural revisions. The reason for the proposal is the CRC will be extremely involved in working with the EIS, Site Quality studies and the Social Infrastructure Plan for Phase III. Adding sub-committees will make it feasible for members to focus their attention on their areas of interest.

Chair Covington said the sub-committees will report regularly on their work to the CRC to make certain all members and the public are informed on their activities. The sub-committees will research information and present it to the public. This will also expand community outreach efforts and involve other community stakeholders.

Chayet stated she would like to develop a work plan for the sub-committees to see how their work will fit in.

Chair Covington mentioned that the final decision will be established at the next CRC meeting in January.

IX. Comments from the public

Yesler Terrace resident wants to ensure that during planning of the redevelopment that health and medical concerns are considered. Chair Covington replied that later down the path we will look at the needs of all the residents and make certain every unit is livable.

Question concerning the number of available parking spaces per unit. Sullivan replied that there will be a ratio of one parking space per two units. Sullivan believes since Yesler is close to downtown along with more job connections that fewer residents will own a car.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.